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SUBJECT: FORMAT OF NATO REGIONAL EXPERTS' MEETINGS

REF: (A) USNATO 5372, (B) STATE 223576

1. POLADS HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION NOVEMBER 27 OF FORMAT FOR NATO REGIONAL EXPERTS' MEETINGS.

2. CONSENSUS WAS THAT: (A) THERE SHOULD BE NO FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN FORMAT AND EXPERTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE FINAL APPROVAL TO REPORTS, (B) NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED EARLIER IF POSSIBLE, (C) REPORTS SHOULD BE SHORTER WITH EMPHASIS ON IMPLICATIONS.

3. A NUMBER OF REPS, LED BY CANADIAN, FAVORED SHORTENING EXPERTS' MEETINGS, EXCEPT FOR SOVIET AND EE EXPERTS, TO THREE DAYS. FRENCH REP SUGGESTED THAT ON PILOT BASIS, TWO EXPERTS' MEETINGS SHOULD BE SHORTENED TO THREE DAYS, AND ALSO ON A PILOT BASIS THAT THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE REPORT OF ONE OF THE THREE-DAY MEETINGS SHOULD BE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF.

4. POLADS WILL RETURN TO SUBJECT DECEMBER 18, AT WHICH TIME WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF DEPARTMENT FAVORS PILOT PROJECT OF SHORTENING TWO EXPERTS' MEETING TO THREE DAYS. IF SO, WHICH TWO? DOES DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY PREFERENCE AS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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WHICH DRAFT REPORT IS MIGHT PREPARE?

5. POLADS ALSO DISCUSSED HOW TIME SHOULD BE ALLOCATED AS BETWEEN GENERAL DISCUSSION, DRAFTING REPORT, AND DISCUSSION

AND APPROVAL OF REPORT, BUT WE EXPECT THAT WHATEVER POLADS'  
VIEWS, TIME ALLOCATION WILL BE DECIDED ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS  
BY EACH GROUP OF EXPERTS.  
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